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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: PULVERULENT REACTIVE COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR THE
PURIFICATION OF A GAS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

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~~1. (Amended) Solid pulverulent reactive composition for the purification of a gas, comprising sodium bicarbonate and a caking inhibitor for sodium bicarbonate[, characterized in that the inhibitor comprises] and being substantially devoid of silica, said inhibitor comprising lignite coke and/or a magnesium compound comprising magnesium (hydr)oxide.~~

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~~2. (Amended) The [C]composition according to Claim 1, [characterized in that it is substantially devoid of silica] wherein said magnesium compound comprises basic magnesium hydrocarbonate.~~

Timely correctly entered claim 2 new matter.

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